

Navy Family Ombudsman Program - Child and Youth Programs (CYP)



BACKGROUND

Ombudsmen are official volunteers serving as the liaison between the command and command families. Their key role is to provide information and resources to spouses and family members. Ombudsmen are encouraged to build a library of resources, and CNIC is committed to providing updated information for existing programs, and introductory information for new programs.

GOALS

To ensure that ombudsmen are familiar with and have a clear understanding of the programs offered through Navy Child and Youth Programs (CYP).

KEY MESSAGES

- Child Youth Programs offer much more than childcare.
- Military life comes with unique challenges. It's a world with a language of its own and new ways of doing things, from shopping at the Commissary to living in foreign lands.
- Military children face more than the usual challenges of growing up, such as moving every few years and establishing new friendships, while worrying about family members who have been deployed.
- Navy Child and Youth Programs (CYP) provide children and families with trusted programs and services that assist in coping with these challenges, making the difference between stress and success.
- Our worldwide programs are part of the Department of Defense (DoD) military child care and youth development system, which provides developmental child care and youth recreation programs and services for eligible children and youth ages 4 weeks to 18 years.
- Programs are in place for all ages
 - Child Development Centers (CDC)
 - Child Development Homes (CDH)
 - School-Age Care (SAC)
 - Youth and Teen Programs
 - Child and Youth Education Services
 - Student Online Achievement Resources (SOAR)
 - School Liaison Officer (SLO) Program
 - Reservists and Deployment Support

COMMAND STATEMENT

Navy Child and Youth Programs (CYP) provide high quality educational and recreational programs for children and youth. Teams of caring, knowledgeable professionals plan developmentally appropriate programs that are responsive to the unique needs, abilities, and



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interests of children. Our staff fosters a sense of independence, trust and responsibility within each child through understanding and respectful interactions. Likewise, through positive relationships, our programs respect and support the ideals, cultures, and values of families in their task of nurturing children and youth. We are advocates for children, families, and the child and youth professionals within our programs and surrounding communities.

“Programs and services are specifically designed and operated to meet the unique needs of the military mission, service members and their families,” Greg Young, CNIC Child and Youth Program Manager.

ACTION

- Ombudsmen should gather information about the Child and Youth Programs and become familiar with the services available in their installation or region. They should make the effort to meet a Point of Contact (POC) from CYP and ensure that they have a POC for each program offered.
- The Ombudsman Assembly or the Ombudsman Coordinator should encourage a representative from CYP to speak at an Assembly meeting or to present an Advanced Training on CYP services.
- Advise families to apply for childcare on-line at www.cnic.navy.mil/cyp. Note: This URL will be included on all PCS orders to advise military members of childcare availability and to apply for care.

RESOURCES

- FFSP Web site at www.ffsp.navy.mil
- Child and Youth Programs Web site at www.cnic.navy.mil
- [OPNAVINST 1700.9E Child and Youth Programs](#)
- [DoD Instruction 6060.2 - Child Development Programs](#)
- [DoD Instruction 6060.3 - School Age Care Program](#)
- [DoD Instruction 6060.4 - Youth Programs](#)
- [Criminal History Background Checks on Individuals in Child Care Services - DoDINST 1402.5](#)
- [Department of Defense Civilian Personnel Manual - DoD 1400.25M](#)
- [Unified Facilities Criteria, Youth Centers](#)
- [United Facilities Criteria, Child Development Centers](#)



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